

***DEADLINE: 5:00 PM (mst) November 6, 2009***

***Essay Topic: "How Would I Manage Agriculture Risk on My Reservation?"***

(Research WHAT is Risk Management using the links below and then apply it to the essay topic)

[http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/1997/irm\\_intr.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/1997/irm_intr.html)    <http://farm-risk-plans.usda.gov/>

**2009 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition**

*Also Sponsored By: Seminole Tribe of Florida, USDA Risk Management Agency & the Intertribal Agriculture Council*

**Who Is Eligible?** Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2009. Graduates of May or August 2009 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe**.

**Winners & Prizes:** Three (3) finalists will be announced the second week of November 2009 and provided an all-expense paid trip (including chaperone) to the 2009 Intertribal Agriculture Council & Indian Nations Conservation Alliance annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 7-11, 2009. Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the event & will serve as Ag Ambassadors in 2009/2010. Each finalist is required to read a short self introduction and their essay (as submitted only) at the awards luncheon.

**Guidelines:**

- ✓ 3-6 pages in length
- ✓ Typed
- ✓ One-inch margins
- ✓ Double spaced
- ✓ 12-point font
- ✓ 3-5 sources

**Judging Criteria:**

- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Quality of Sources
- ◆ Quality of Grammar
- ◆ Spelling & Punctuation
- ◆ Organization of information
- ◆ Length of Entry
- ◆ Documentation of Sources (3-5 sources required)
- ◆ Appropriate information for topic



2008 Finalists Joshua Moore (Colorado River Indian Tribes) with 8-time World Champion Joe Beaver who presented the awards & prizes.

All entries **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** by a separate sheet containing the student's name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending & Tribal affiliation.

**Send Essay Submission to:**

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**Note: all entries will be used in future publications & for PR purposes**

**Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/06/09), faxed or emailed (re: essay contest)**